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Top ordnance officer retires after 33 years of Army service

Lt. Gen. Richard Hack didn't always want to be an officer in the U.S. Army. As a matter of fact, he wasn't sure how he was going to make his mark on this world.

Thirty-three years later, the man who describes himself as a bad second lieutenant (not a bad person) trying to make it to first lieutenant, is now retiring from one of the most important, most complex positions in the Army—the Army Materiel Command's deputy commanding general.

Hack says his upbringing as a second generation Army officer and his time at Virginia Military Institute prepared him for the road he traveled: platoon leader, shop officer, materiel management officer, aide-de-camp, materiel and support operations officer, executive officer, commander, commanding general and AMC chief of staff.

"My parents taught me to accept people for who they are, not what they look like or how much money they have," Hack said. "And the Army is all about people, and coming from an upbringing where clearly no prejudices had manifested themselves really helped me. It was a wonderful thing."

Much like 33 years ago, he isn't sure what he is going to do—this time in his civilian life. One thing Hack does know: he will be putting on a suit and tie working around lots of people helping to achieve a goal.

Lt. Gen. William E. Mortensen becomes AMC's new deputy commanding general Sept. 3. Mortensen was formerly the director of logistics for the U.S. Central Command.

Army, Marines sign charter for logistics support

Gen. Benjamin Griffin, U.S. Army Materiel Command commanding general, and Maj. Gen. Willie Williams, commanding general, Marine Corps Logistics Command, signed the Army-Marine Integrated Process Team Charter for Joint Common Logistics Support during a meeting at AMC Aug. 17.

The purpose of the IPT is to facilitate joint requirements identification, planning and logistical solutions. Thus far, it has focused on issues relating to supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. It has served as a forum to surface SWA support issues and identify how and by whom the issues should be resolved.

To date all of the issues have related to maintenance support, add-on armor, and retrograde of repairables. It will continue to facilitate cross service staffing of time sensitive issues and foster theater level cross service support.

Depot's forward missions continue to expand

Tobyhanna Army Depot opened its newest Forward Repair Activity for repair and maintenance of computers and computer hardware recently in Kabul, Afghanistan.

The site repairs computer logistics systems such as Unit Level Logistics System and Standard Army Retail Supply System. They also repair most printers, monitors, laptops and desktop computers. In most instances, computer equipment is repaired and returned in less than 24 hours.

"The only reasons that a computer wouldn't be fixed in 24 hours is either sheer volume of work orders or a shortage of replacement parts," said John Columbo, an electronic technician who recently returned from Southwest Asia.

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